CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF

The Rector, Church Wardens
and Vestrymen

OF THE

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

PHILADELPHIA

1899

The

Church of the Incarnation,

erected at the south-east corner of Broad and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, was **consecrated** by the Rt. Rev. Ozi William Whitaker, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, assisted by the Rev. Joseph D. Newlin D. D., Rector, on the First Sunday after Easter, April 17th, 1898.

Charter of Incorporation

OF

THE RECTOR, CHURCH WARDENS, AND VESTRYMEN

OF THE

Church of the Incarnation,

PHILADELPHIA.

AS AMENDED DECEMBER 1ST, 1884.

Preamble.

Whereas, the following-named persons, citizens of this Commonwealth, viz.: WILLIAM LARZELERE, JAMES M. PATTON, WASHINGTON L. ATLEE, JAMES A. FARNUM, THOMAS F. ADAMS, REGINALD H. POTTS, OLIVER W. LUND, JOHN DAVY, JOHN CRAIG AND WM. C. WILLCOX, have, together with other citizens, associated for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God, according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and have, for that purpose, formed a congregation at the north-west corner of Girard Avenue and Thirteenth Street, in the City of Philadelphia, and are now desirous to be incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of corporations or bodies politic in law." They, therefore, declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their said association,

agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated, viz. :

Name.

FIRST : The name of the corporation shall be "THE RECTOR, CHURCH WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN OF THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION."

Ecclesiastical Connection.

SECOND : This Church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognizes and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

Any member of this Church or Corporation who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this Corporation, and shall not be elected or vote in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning, or connected with the said Church or Corporation.

Application of Rents and Revenues.

THIRD : The rents and revenues of this Corporation shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the Rector, Ministers and Officers of the said Church, and in the erection and necessary repairs of the Church and Churchyard, Parsonage House and other houses which now do, or shall hereafter, belong to the said Corporation, and to no other use and purpose whatsoever. Provided always, that the clear yearly value or income of the real and personal estate, other than Church and Rectory buildings held by the said Corporation, shall not at any time exceed the sum allowed by law. And provided that all the property of the said Corporation shall be taken, held and

enure, subject to the control and disposition of the Vestry of the same.

Control of Property.

FOURTH : All the property of the said Corporation shall be taken and held subject to the control and disposition of the lay members of the same, through the Vestry or governing body of said Corporation, according to the true intent and meaning of the provisions of the act of Assembly relating to corporations and to estates held for corporate religious and charitable use, passed April 26th, 1855.

Election of Rector.

FIFTH : The Rector of this Church shall be elected by the Church Wardens and Vestrymen in such manner as the statutes and by-laws shall ordain.

Vestry.

The Vestry of the said Church shall consist of twelve persons, lay members and communicants worshipping in said Church and citizens of Pennsylvania, who shall continue in office for three years and until others be chosen. At the meeting of the Vestry held for organization the Vestrymen elected on Easter Monday, 1885, shall be divided into three classes of four persons each. The names of the Vestrymen belonging to each class shall be determined in this way : Twelve ballots or slips of paper, on four of which shall be written or printed the word "one", on four others the word "two", and on the remaining four the word "three", shall be put into some convenient receptacle from which each Vestryman acting in alphabetical order shall proceed to draw one, and the number on the slip of paper so drawn shall determine the class to which he belongs, and so on until all the numbers are drawn. The terms of those who have drawn "one" shall expire on Easter Monday, 1886, of those who have drawn "two" on Easter Monday, 1887, of those who have drawn "three" on Easter Monday, 1888, so that four Vestry-

Election of Vestrymen.

men shall be elected on each Easter Monday, after and including Easter Monday, 1886, to serve for three years or until others are chosen, nothing herein to prevent the re-election of any Vestryman, and in case of failure to elect on any Easter Monday, the Vestrymen whose terms expire shall hold over. In case any of the persons elected Vestrymen at the election on Easter Monday, 1885, shall fail to attend the meeting for organization or shall refuse to draw, the Vestryman present next following him in alphabetical order and willing to act shall draw for him with like effect as if he had himself drawn. If there be no Vestryman following him in alphabetical order, the Vestryman preceding him in alphabetical order shall draw for him with like effect.

Electors of Vestrymen.

At any election of Vestrymen it shall be necessary to an election that the candidate shall receive a majority of the votes cast in person by members of the Church who shall have paid one year's rent of a pew or sitting, which shall have been rented at least one year immediately preceding the election, of both which requisites the Vestry books shall be *prima facie* evidence.

Vacancies.

Any vacancy occurring in the Vestry may be filled by the remaining members, the newly-chosen member to belong to the class of him whose place he fills.

Right of Rector to Preside and Vote.

At the meetings of the Vestry the Rector, if present, may preside, and in all matters, except such as concern the property of the Corporation, shall be entitled, in common with the several members of the Vestry, to one vote.

Statutes and By-Laws.

The Statutes and By-Laws of this Corporation shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, or to this Instrument.

Rector and Assistant Minister.

SIXTH: No person shall be the Rector nor Assistant Minister of this Church unless he shall have had Episcopal Ordination, and unless he be in full standing with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the United States, and recognized as such by the Bishop of this Diocese, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Election of Officers.

SEVENTH: The said Vestry shall have full power to choose their own officers, and they shall annually, at their first meeting after their election, choose one of their own number to be one Church Warden, and the Rector for the time being shall elect another of the said Vestrymen to be the other Church Warden of the said Church. In case of a vacancy in the office of Rector at the time of the election, the other Church Warden shall also be chosen by the Vestry, to remain until the election of a Rector, or a new election of the Vestry. And during such vacancy the Church Wardens for the time being and Vestrymen shall have the same powers and authorities relating to the disposition of the rents and revenues of the said Corporation, as are hereby vested in the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen. Provided, always, that it shall be the duty of the said Church Wardens and Vestrymen to elect another Rector to supply the vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

Amendments.

EIGHTH: This Charter may be amended in the following manner, that is to say, any proposed amendment shall be submitted to a stated or special meeting of the Vestry, and, if the same shall be approved by a majority of the whole of the members thereof, the same shall be submitted to a meeting of the members of the congregation who are entitled to vote for

Vestrymen, and, if approved by a majority of the persons present at such meeting, the same shall be submitted to the next convention, and, if by it approved, shall be and form part of the Charter upon the subsequent confirmation thereof by the Court which granted the original charter, or other competent authority.

Dissolution.

NINTH: In case of the dissolution of the said Corporation, all the property of the same shall vest in Trustees in trust to hold and convey the same to and for any future congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same neighborhood, and to and for no other purpose; and the said Trustees shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the proper Court, on the application of any interested party.

First Vestry.

TENTH: The ten following persons to be the Church Wardens and Vestrymen, to continue in office until the election on Easter Monday next, or until others be chosen, viz.: William Larzelere, James M. Patton, Washington L. Atlee, James A. Farnum, Thomas S. Adams, Reginald H. Potts, Oliver N. Lund, John Davy, John Craig and William C. Willcox.

Articles of Association.

Articles of Association of the "CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES," Philadelphia, were signed November 29th, 1855.

Incorporation.

The Charter of Incorporation was allowed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, March 15th, 1856, and was enrolled in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Charter Book Volume No. 8, Pages 7, 8 and 9.

Amendments.

Certain amendments which among other things changed the name to the "CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION" were allowed by the same Court July 1st, 1859, and were enrolled in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Charter Book Volume 8, Pages 154, 155, 156, 157 and 158.

Further amendments were approved by the Court of Common Pleas No. 3, of Philadelphia County, December 1st, 1884, and were recorded in the Office for Recording of Deeds, etc., in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, in Charter Book No. 9, Page 494, etc.

By-Laws.

AS AMENDED DECEMBER 7TH, 1899.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTION OF VESTRYMEN.

Qualifications of Electors.

SECTION 1. The electors of Vestrymen shall be the adult, male and female, baptized, lay members of the Church of the Incarnation, who shall have paid one year's rent of a pew or sitting, which shall have been rented at least one year immediately preceding the election, of both which requisites the Vestry books shall be *prima facie* evidence.

Qualifications of Vestrymen.

SECTION 2. No person shall be eligible to the office of Vestryman except a male communicant lay member of and worshipper in the Church who is entitled to vote for Vestrymen and who is a citizen of Pennsylvania.

Nomination of Candidates.

SECTION 3. No person, except a member of the Vestry whose term will then expire, shall be elected a Vestryman at any regular election, unless he shall have been nominated in writing by at least three electors, and the said nomination delivered to one of the Wardens or the Secretary of the Vestry at least forty-eight hours before the election. The officer who shall receive any nomination shall post it in a conspicuous place on or near a door of the Church before ten o'clock in the morning of the Sunday before the election.

Number and Term of Vestrymen.

SECTION 4. Four Vestrymen shall be elected on Easter Monday in each year to serve for three years and until others be chosen. In case

of failure to elect Vestrymen on Easter Monday in any year, the Vestrymen whose terms then expire shall hold over for another term. The four Vestrymen so elected or holding over, together with the eight Vestrymen whose terms will not have expired, shall constitute the Vestry for the ensuing year.

Announcement of Election.

SECTION 5. The time and place for holding the election of Vestrymen shall be announced to the congregation at the morning service on the Sunday next preceding the day of election.

Judges of Election.

SECTION 6. The Vestry shall appoint three electors as judges of the election, and shall cause them severally to be notified in due time of their appointment; but if from any cause whatever, the Vestry should fail to appoint the judges, or should the persons appointed, or any of them, neglect or refuse to act, then it shall be the duty of the Wardens, or in their absence, of the Rector, to supply the omission or vacancy or vacancies thus created, by making a new appointment; or, if that cannot be done conveniently at the time, then the Wardens themselves shall act as judges of the election.

Time and manner of holding Election and Return thereof.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the judges to open the polls at the place specified by the Rector or Vestry at five o'clock P. M., and close the same at seven o'clock P. M., and then and there hold the election for Vestrymen in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Corporation. Each elector may cast the whole number of his votes for one candidate, or distribute them upon two or more candidates, as he may prefer. It shall be necessary to an election that the candidate shall receive a majority of the votes cast in person by the electors. At the close of the polls, the judges shall count the votes, and then publicly announce the result of the election, and thereupon

make return thereof to the Secretary of the Vestry, who shall immediately thereafter notify or cause to be notified, each of the persons elected, and at the same time request them to attend a meeting of the Vestry, to be held on the Thursday next following the election, at an hour named in the notice, for the purpose of organizing; to which meeting the said judges shall make their official return in writing, under their hands, of the results of said election.

Entry on Minutes and Announcement of Results.

SECTION 8. The Vestry shall cause the return of the judges of the election to be entered at large upon their minutes, and the result to be publicly announced to the congregation in the Church on the Sunday next following.

Vacancies.

SECTION 9. Any vacancy occurring in the Vestry shall be supplied by the remaining members, the newly-elected member to serve for the unexpired term of the member whose place he fills. No person shall be elected a Vestryman to fill a vacancy unless he shall have been nominated at a previous meeting of the Vestry.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS OF THE VESTRY.

Stated Meetings.

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of the Vestry shall be held on the first Thursday after Easter Monday, and on the first Thursday in June, October, December and February, and on the Saturday immediately preceding Easter Day, in each year, at such time and place as the Vestry may appoint.

Quorum.

SECTION 2. Five Vestrymen or four Vestrymen and the Rector shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business except in those cases where a larger number is or hereafter shall be required by the Charter or a By-

Law of this Corporation or by the Constitution or a Canon of the Church in the United States or in this Diocese.

Election of Officers and of Lay Deputies.

SECTION 3. At their first meeting after Easter Monday, annually, the Vestry shall, pursuant to the seventh article of the Charter, choose their own officers for the then current year, and until their successors are duly appointed; and the manner of choosing them shall be as follows, viz. :—The Vestry shall elect one of their number to be one of the Church Wardens, who shall be the "Accounting Warden," and the Rector for the time being shall appoint another of the Vestrymen to be the other Church Warden, who shall be "Rector's or Senior Warden" of the Church. The Vestry shall then elect a Secretary, who shall also be one of their body; and shall also elect such other officers and servants as may be directed by the By-Laws or Charter, or as may be required for the good government of the affairs of the Corporation. And, after the officers of the Vestry shall have been thus elected, the Vestry shall then elect Lay Deputies to attend and represent the parish in the Diocesan Convention, as required by the canons of the Church. But in all these several elections by the Vestry, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. And in case of failure to elect officers and Lay Deputies, or either or any of them as aforesaid, at the said meeting, the election may be held at any subsequent meeting of the Vestry.

Ballot.

SECTION 4. All elections shall be by ballot, unless the same shall be dispensed with by unanimous consent.

Standing Committees.

SECTION 5. At the first meeting of the Vestry after Easter Monday, the Rector shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Music to consist of three members, which shall have charge of the organ and choir, subject to the supervision of the Rector.

Committee on Finance to consist of three members, which shall have charge of such matters relating to the finances of the Corporation as may be referred to it by the Vestry, and shall audit the accounts of the Accounting Warden and others handling the funds of the Church.

Special Meetings.

SECTION 6. The Rector, either Church Warden, or any two of the Vestry, may require the Secretary to call special meetings at any time. A written notice of every such meeting, stating the time, place and object thereof, shall be sent to each Vestryman at least twenty-four hours before the proposed meeting. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be introduced or transacted at such meeting, unless all the members of the Vestry be present.

Chairman.

SECTION 7. The Rector, or in his absence, the senior Warden shall preside at the meetings of the Vestry; but if both shall be absent, then any other member present may be elected chairman for the time, to preside at such meetings.

Order of Business.

SECTION 8. All meetings of the Vestry shall be opened with prayer.

The order of business at the stated or adjourned meetings of the Vestry shall be as follows, viz. :

The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read.

Communications may then be presented and disposed of.

Reports of Committees read and acted on.

Any other business then in order.

Motions to be in Writing.

SECTION 9. No motion shall be entertained unless the mover, if required by the Chair, or any member, shall first commit the same to writing, and then present it to the Chair.

Allowable Motions.

SECTION 10. When any question is pending before the meeting, no motion shall be made or received, except to amend, divide, commit, lay upon the table, or postpone the same; but a motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and take precedence of every other, and be decided without debate.

Reconsideration.

SECTION 11. No reconsideration of a vote shall be had except on the motion of a member who voted with the prevailing party on the question proposed to be reconsidered, or of one who was not present at the meeting at which such question was decided. And such motion shall not be in order after the close of the next meeting following that in which such question shall have been decided.

Ayes and Noes.

SECTION 12. The ayes and noes may be called for by any member; and if required by him, shall be entered upon the minutes.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF A RECTOR OR ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Number of Votes Necessary.

SECTION 1. To the election of a Rector or Assistant Minister, the consenting votes of at least eight members of the Vestry shall be necessary; and to the election of an Assistant Minister, the previous consent of the Rector also.

Consent of Rector.

Notices, Nomination and Election.

SECTION 2. In either case, the person to be elected must have been openly nominated at a previous meeting of the Vestry, the notices for which meeting shall have been issued at least

one week previous to the holding thereof, and shall have expressed therein that such nomination would then be made; and the notices for the meeting at which such election is intended, shall express such intention; and no election as aforesaid shall be held until at least two weeks after the nomination of the candidate or candidates.

Ballot.

SECTION 3. The election of a Rector or Assistant Minister shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE IV.

CHURCH WARDENS, SECRETARY AND SEXTON.

Church Wardens.

SECTION 1. The Wardens shall have a general superintendence over the property of the Corporation, and shall see that order and decorum be observed in the Church, and that the Sexton and other officers of the Church perform the duties which respectively belong to them. The Wardens shall have power to make purchases of all articles necessary for the use of the Corporation.

Accounting Warden.

SECTION 2. The Accounting Warden shall have the custody of the title papers, seal and account books of the Corporation. He shall have charge of all the revenues of the Corporation, and so much thereof as may not be required for immediate use shall be deposited by him to the credit of the Corporation in one or more of the banks, trust or safe deposit companies or saving fund societies of the City of Philadelphia, to be designated from time to time by the Vestry, and shall disburse the same under the orders of the Vestry and in accordance with the By-Laws, and shall enter in a book to be kept for the purpose, all sums received and paid by him, which book shall be presented for the

inspection of the Vestry whenever required. He shall pay the Rector and all other officers of the Corporation their respective salaries or compensation. For all payments made by him he shall take full and proper receipts, as his vouchers therefor. He shall render to the Vestry annual accounts of all receipts and disbursements, at the last stated meeting in every year preceding the regular election of Vestrymen; and shall lay before the Vestry a statement of all the debts and liabilities of the Corporation in detail and to whom the same are owing, respectively; and, also, a statement of all the property, claims and effects belonging to the Corporation, which accounts shall be referred to the Committee on Finance to be audited.

Secretary.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep regular minutes of all the proceedings of the Vestry, notify the members of all its meetings, call special meetings when required, and perform generally such duties as appertain to the office.

Delivery of Property to Successors.

SECTION 4. All moneys, books, papers and other property of the Corporation in their possession shall be delivered by the Secretary and Wardens, respectively, to their successors in office when duly elected.

Sexton.

SECTION 5. The Sexton, beside his constant care of the Church and Parish House, shall perform all other duties connected with the affairs of the Parish which shall be required by the Vestry, the Rector or either of the Wardens.

ARTICLE V.

SALE, TRANSFER AND RENTING OF PEWS.

Sale of Pews.

SECTION 1. The Accounting Warden may be authorized to sell any of the pews, upon terms

to be fixed by the Vestry, and shall keep a record of the same. And should the purchaser of any pew neglect or fail to pay any instalment of the purchase money, for six months after it becomes due, he or she shall thereby forfeit the right of ownership to said pew; and upon a resale thereof, the purchase money not exceeding the amount said purchaser had agreed to pay for such pew, and deducting therefrom any sum due by him or her on account thereof, shall be paid over to him or her when received; and until resold the said pew shall be to all intents and purposes the property of the Corporation, as though no sale had ever been made thereof. A certificate of the following form shall be delivered to every person purchasing a pew, who shall have paid the full amount of the purchase money; which certificate shall have the seal of the Corporation affixed to it, and be signed by the Wardens:—

No...... *$*..... *Pew No.*.....

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION.

Form of Certificate.

This is to Certify, That
has paid to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION the sum of
Dollars, being the full purchase money for Pew No.
in said Church. The said Pew remains subject to such rental as shall be fixed from time to time by the Vestry; from which rental will be deducted the interest, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, of the said sum of Dollars above mentioned. This Certificate can be transferred only by and with the approval of the Church Wardens.

{ SEAL } Witness the Corporate Seal of the said Church, and the signatures of the Church Wardens, at Philadelphia, the day of A. D.

WARDENS.

Transfer of Pews.

SECTION 2. Whenever a change of ownership of any pew, consistent with the provisions of these By-Laws, shall take place, a new certificate shall be issued, and the old one cancelled. Notice of an intention to transfer a pew shall be given to the Wardens, before any transfer is made; and no one shall acquire a title to any pew (a portion of a pew can in no case be transferred), either by sale, gift, will or otherwise, who shall not be approved by the Wardens, excepting the parents, husband, wife, brother, sister or children of the owner thereof; nor shall any one who is the owner of a pew, be allowed to rent his pew, or any sittings therein, to any one, without the consent of the Wardens (with the exceptions before mentioned); and in no case shall any transfer be made, until all arrearages of purchase money or pew-rent are paid.

Rent of Pews and Sittings.

SECTION 3. The Wardens are authorized and empowered to rent for a term, not exceeding one year, any unsold pew or pews, or any sittings in such pew or pews, at a rate to be fixed by the Vestry: *Provided*, that the renting of a pew, or sitting, by the Corporation to any person, shall not prevent its being sold, whenever a purchaser can be found. And, whenever any such pew shall be sold, the renter or occupier thereof, and of the sittings therein, shall be required, upon three month's notice, to surrender up the possession to the purchaser upon being refunded a rateable portion of the pew rent for the unexpired time for which he or she may have paid in advance; or, in case the pew-rent shall not have been paid in advance, then such renter or occupier shall be required to pay the rent which may have accrued on such pew, up to the time of sale and delivery of possession only. *Provided*, that the

person occupying the pew shall have the option of purchasing the same at any time within one month from the time of service of said notice. All pew rents and assessments shall become due on the first day of April and October, in every year, and shall be payable in advance. A committee of the Vestry shall attend at the Church to receive them, on the Monday and Tuesday following the first day of these months, at an hour to be fixed by them; notice thereof to be given in the Church on the Sunday preceding. If the rent is not paid within thirty days after the last day of collection, such pew rents as remain unpaid may be placed in the hands of a collector, who shall be entitled to charge five per cent. on the amount due, which shall be paid him by said delinquent.

Rent in Arrears.

SECTION 4. Should the rent payable by the purchaser of any pew be in arrears for one year, such pew shall then become subject to forfeiture and sale by the Corporation for the arrearages of rent. And it shall thereupon become the duty of the Wardens (unless there is, in their opinion, good reason to forbear), to proceed to forfeit and sell such pew accordingly, at the best price that can reasonably be had; and, upon such sale, the purchase money, not exceeding the amount such person had paid for said pew, and deducting therefrom the amount of rent due, with interest thereon, and all other legal and proper charges connected therewith, shall, when received, be paid over to such person.

Adjustment of Disputes.

SECTION 5. When more than one person shall rent sittings in the same pew, no particular sitting in said pew shall be considered as belonging exclusively to either; and in case of dispute, the Wardens shall adjust the rights of the respective claimants, and, if the Wardens see cause, the subject shall be referred to the

Vestry ; and, if either party refuse to abide by their decision, such party shall thereby forfeit his or her sitting in said pew.

Alterations in Pews.

SECTION 6. No person shall alter a pew or change any of the arrangements thereof, without the consent of the Wardens.

ARTICLE VI.

REGISTERS.

Marriages, Baptisms, Confirmations, Funerals.

The Vestry shall provide a book in which the Rector, or other Minister, shall enter an account of all Marriages, Baptisms, Confirmations and Funerals at which he shall have officiated ; the record to state the date of the marriage, and names of the parties ; the date of the birth of the child baptized, with its name and those of the parents and sponsors ; the name of the adult baptized, with those of the sponsors ; the name of the person confirmed ; the name and age of the person buried, with the date of his or her death ; and also the time when and the place where each rite was performed.

List of Communicants.

A list of the Communicants in the Parish shall likewise be kept in a book to be provided by the Vestry, and in the manner prescribed by a Canon of the Diocese.

These books shall belong to and remain with the Vestry, as part of the Church records.

Certificates.

Certificates from these records, under seal, shall, when requested, be given, without charge, by either of the Wardens.

ARTICLE VII.

COLLECTIONS.

Collections.

Collections in the Church may be made at such times and for such purposes as the Rector and Vestry may think proper. All receipts

from such collections shall be handed over to the Accounting Warden, who shall appropriate them, under the direction of the Rector and Vestry, to the purpose for which the collection was made, except in the case of the Communion offerings, which shall be paid to the Rector, to be applied in conformity with the canon in relation thereto. *Provided*, that the Rector may cause special collections to be made at his own option.

ARTICLE VIII.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Endowment Fund.

A permanent fund to be called the Endowment Fund, the principal of which shall never be diminished, shall be formed from all moneys received hereafter from the sale of pews, all gifts and bequests for the benefit of said fund, and all bequests not specifically designated for other objects which shall be placed in said fund by order of the Vestry. The principal of this fund shall be invested and the income only used for current expenses of the Parish. Until the principal of said fund shall amount to fifty thousand dollars the income shall not be used, but shall be added to the principal.

ARTICLE IX.

THE CONVEYANCE AND ENCUMBRANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Conveyance and Encumbrance of Real Property.

No conveyance shall be made of the real property of the Corporation, nor shall any lien, charge or encumbrance be imposed thereon, except by the consenting votes of eight members of the Vestry, at a meeting called for that purpose, nor without the consent of a majority of the lay members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE X.

Parish Societies.

Parish Societies.

All societies organized in the Parish, or which may be permitted to hold their meetings in the Parish House, shall be subject to all rules and regulations adopted by the Vestry. Under no circumstances shall the Corporation be liable for any debts or obligations of any such society.

ARTICLE XI.

Repeal or Amendment of By-Laws.

Repeal or Amendment of By-Laws.

No repeal or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made except by the affirmative votes of eight Vestrymen, at a meeting of the Vestry, the notices for which meeting shall have been issued at least one week previous to the holding thereof, and which shall have stated the proposed action; nor unless such repeal or amendment shall have been proposed to the Vestry at a previous meeting at least four weeks before final action thereon.